

Recycling Committee
August 1, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

Treasury – The committee made \$63 at Old Home Days.

Mary Lee Co-Chair: Explained, in context of running efficient meetings, what a Consent Agenda is. At the top of every agenda, the committee reviews the items for consideration & consent and the group accepts them at the next meeting. If there is a request from a member, any agenda item(s) can be moved from the Consent Agenda & put on the agenda for discussion. The committee will not be using Robert's Rules.

Ariana presented her progress on the website. Ariana will email or mail the proposed website for all to look at. For anyone who does not have email, Ariana can forward information to Sharolyn Fortin, at Town Hall, who will mail out to anyone who needs it in that format.

Ariana explained about Google Ads on the website. She is able to sign up with Google who has advertisers who will place ads on the website. The committee would make money every time someone clicked on the advertising. This would require a bank account to set this up. David Court asked the question, why does the committee need money? A discussion on the pros and cons of having money ensued. Discussion will continue through email.

David Jeffers the Regional Planner at Lakes Region Planning Commission was the Guest Speaker. Introductions were done around the table.

Mr. Jeffers explained and discussed the 21st year of Household Hazardous Waste collection. A pamphlet outlining hazardous waste was passed out to members. He explained that oil based paint is the most common item brought to the waste collection. The commission works with two recognized EPA's companies who haul the material away. The paperwork is done at the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Northfield is one of the 23 communities that participate in the collection.

The Lakes Region Planning commission is located in Meredith, and was set up by the state to work with municipalities. The commission serves local governments and works with 30 communities which pay dues from town budgets. The available services received include:

- maps
- technical assistance
- zoning
- transportation issues,
- natural resource issues
- land use
- economic development and analysis

A chart was handed out that showed percentage of homes that participated in collection. About 4% of households participate, which is average for state. The Lakes Region has the largest collection in state that brings in about 19,000-20,000 gallons of waste per collection. In Northfield, 29 households brought waste to the waste collection on July 28, which is a slight increase from other years. The town pays \$2,218 a year to participate.

A question and answer period followed the presentation.

The Next meeting of the Recycling committee is:

Wednesday, September 5th, from 6 -7:30 P.M.

The Guest Speaker is Stephen Rasche, Chairman of Canterbury's Recycle Committee. The topic will be on Pay-as-you-throw system in Canterbury.